

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J. Donald HILL <u>et al.</u>)	Examiner: SONNETT, Kathleen C.
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Patent No. US 7,591,827 B2)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Issued: September 22, 2009)	
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Application No. 10/715,441)	Confirmation No. 3943
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For: CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICES)	
AND METHODS FOR)	
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES)	

PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.324

MAIL STOP PETITION

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324 to correct inventorship of the above-identified United States Letters Patent.

As originally filed, the above-identified application from which the patent issued names as inventors:

J. Donald Hill (US);

Geoffrey Briggs (US);

Andy H. Levine (US);

Eric May (US);

John Meade (US); and

Michael Sims (US).

The present petition seeks to add as an inventor:

John Cvinar (US).

This inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on the part of the omitted inventor, and without deceptive intent on the part of the included inventors. In consideration of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") amend the inventorship of Patent No. US 7,591,827 B2 by adding the name John Cvinar as a co-inventor. Accompanying this petition are a statement from the added inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(1), statements from the other named inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(2), a statement from the Assignee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(3), and a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge **\$130.00** for the requisite fee for the correction of inventorship, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(b), to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 02-0375**. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Patentees and the fees determined by the PTO, then please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 02-0375**.

Respectfully submitted,
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